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AT 11 AM GROMYKO HANDED ME 28 PAGE NOTE ON BERLIN PROBLEM.
HE GAVE ME NO OPPORTUNITY TO READ NOR DID HE SUMMARIZE
CONTENTS. I OBSERVED THAT THIS CONCERNED WHAT WAS MOST
SENSITIVE SPOT IN THE WORLD AND EXPRESSED HOPE NOTE DID NOT
INDICATE PRECIPITATE UNILATERAL ACTION. HE REPLIED THAT
INTENTION OF SOVIET GOVERNMENT WAS TO REDUCE TENSION IN THIS
SENSITIVE SPOT. IN REPLY MY QUESTION HE SAID NOTE WOULD BE
PUBLISHED POSSIBLY TODAY. BRITISH AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS
AND GERMAN CHARGE HAVE ALSO BEEN CALLED TO SEE GROMYKO LATER
THIS MORNING. SUMMARY OF HIGHLIGHTS WILL FOLLOW AS WELL AS
FULL TRANSLATION UNLESS DEPT INSTRUCTS OTHERWISE.

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